**COLLOCATION + COLLIGATION WORKSHEET PART 2**

**In the following exercises some of the questions are about colligations as well as collocations. By colligation we mean the grammatical word combinations which occur together. For example in English you *wait FOR* a bus, you *pay FOR* a meal but in English we *discuss* issues and problems (not *discuss* *ABOUT* issues and problems). In other words, I *want you TO learn ABOUT* colligation. Remember colligation is not only about verb patterns but also noun patterns, for example *participation in* class is important if you want to improve your language skills.**

***As a consequence,* when you read, you should sometimes take note not only of new words, but also the ‘company they keep’, underline these groups of words (or chunks) or *write* them *down* in your notebooks.**

**For the exercises below, if you can’t correct the mistake, use any of the tools that were illustrated during the sessions in the lab to correct the most common collocation and colligation mistakes in your motivation letters and first task. Bring the worksheet with you to class on Monday 26 October.**

**Exercise 10.**

Here are some sentences from your motivation letters and Task 1. Identify any odd or unacceptable collocations and colligations and suggest alternatives. Sometimes the collocate is correct BUT inappropriate. Explain why. Other grammatical mistakes have not been corrected.

1. For me, taking part to the Meis program and interacting with both Italian and foreign top students, can be a perfect chance to develop both my personal and professional experiences and to discover new cultures and traditions.
2. During my bachelor studies I formed the basis of my interest in the European and international field with particular attention to political, economic and social aspects.
3. it has been possible for me to understand many dynamics of nowadays world.
4. I am fully aware that successful pursuit of this Master course requires a large amount of knowledge, extra time devotion for self-research and analytical skill
5. with a thesis related to the phenomenon of Privatizing War and the increase of the Private Military Firms.
6. I was born just a few months before the EEC turned in the EU
7. I am part of IASPP, a student association of political students in the aim to organise conferences on important topics.
8. I look forward to see you
9. It prevented me to feel lost
10. Professors have really big expectations on us
11. I confess you that I don’t miss the seaside at all
12. I’ll provide you my first impressions about it
13. I’ve always been used to live really close to
14. Now I can explain you many things about…
15. They all look pretty interesting even if require a lot of attention and good involvement in class
16. The topics of the courses make a good impression to me
17. I visited 20 flats before taking a decision
18. The skills of the students are strongly different from one to another
19. It could be nice to spend some time with them discussing about their studies and interests
20. The possibility to have to do with people with different […] backgrounds is really interesting and stimulating.
21. I’m thrilled for this whole new life
22. It reminds me my home town
23. We are on the right way to create a motivating atmosphere
24. I never had doubts on this degree
25. Trento is not good in offering that
26. I’m really excited for this new experience
27. Provide me with the tools and competences indispensable to achieve those goals

**Exercise 11.**

The following exercise is about confusibles – words which are easily confused. You may also find some collocation mistakes in the sentences

1. I can’t help thinking about my next travel to England to visit you.
2. I guess this is a problem that doesn’t have to deal only with Trento
3. …she ensured me that I have all the documents I need
4. …to Verona, a city next to Trento
5. sorry if I didn’t write you earlier
6. I feel a little pressured this semester
7. There are some nice places and promenades where people can have a walk
8. I’ve known many pleasant colleagues and the professors seem to be nice
9. I have to notice that unfortunately many courses are a copy of what I have already done
10. Passing by ancient buildings
11. My major hope is that this course will provide me…
12. I will wait for you to come and visit me in Trento!
13. I’ve discovered the city and the most important places to know – all the university’s buildings, the canteen and the libraries
14. Even though some professors have a funny English […] This is not a critic by the way. I can imagine how difficult it is to teach in a different language…
15. It’s a charming spot with a big fountain at its centre and a magnificent cathedral at one of its borders.
16. Trento is definitely a cozy city
17. The subjects I am particularly interested in […] and intend to treat more intensively during the Master’s
18. The perfect place where I could exercise and upgrade my knowledge